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Community Advisory – Several Cars Entered, Rummaged Through, and Items Taken Overnight

The Milan Police Department has taken ten reports thus far involving unlocked vehicles being entered, rummaged through, and items taken throughout town last night/early this morning, with additional reports coming in as people arrive home from work. None of the vehicles were damaged; none were forcibly entered. The time frame appears to be late night/early morning. The following reflects the areas where we have received reports:

Barn Swallow – 1 car entered; iPod taken

Faith Ct – 1 car entered; Garmin GPS unit and \$2 in misc money taken

Blue Bird Lane – 4 cars entered; nothing missing from one, iPad missing from one; sunglasses, less than \$5 in cash, and a Starbuck's gift card missing from one; Cabela's LED flashlight and Cabela's engraved pocket knife missing from the fourth

North – 1 car entered; purse and iPod taken

Hurd – 1 car entered; loose change taken

Everett – 1 car entered; nothing appears missing

Honeysuckle – 1 car entered; nothing appears missing

The follow-up investigation revealed a suspicious occupied vehicle was observed parked in the parking lot of the Milan Village Apartments on Hurd at about 4:30 AM. It was occupied by at least one subject who appeared to be using a cell phone or small light to look at items inside. Later, several medical cards were found on the ground next to where that vehicle was parked from the purse that was taken on Hurd. The vehicle was described as a smaller vehicle. The cards are being processed for fingerprint evidence.

Extra patrols are being conducted in the residential areas. We are asking for residents to make sure they remove items of value from their vehicles and lock their vehicles if they will be parked in driveways or on the streets over night. In addition, please call the Milan Police Department if you observe suspicious persons out on foot or on bikes during the late night/early morning hours, or observe suspicious vehicles that are occupied and parked in lots or side streets during these times. Officers will investigate to make sure there is nothing illegal occurring.

Our residents are an excellent resource in terms of providing the Police Department with additional eyes and ears out there. In speaking to citizens, they sometimes report seeing suspicious persons or vehicles, but hesitate to contact the Police Department because they do not want to waste officers' time with minor complaints or on circumstances that may not really be anything. We want to reinforce to our citizens that we are here to serve, and welcome these types of calls, as they often result in officers catching suspects in the act of committing crimes or allow officers to intervene before crimes are committed; so please do not hesitate to call us.

If anyone has any information as to who might be responsible for these incidents, please contact the Milan Police Department.

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